Substitute teachers to receive more $

By Portia E. Bedman
AFRO Staff Writer

Baltimore city school officials have raised the salary of substitute teachers to bring the pay in line with the federal minimum wage. The increase amounts to 30 cents an hour.

Lewis Richardson, deputy superintendent of fiscal and business management, said the department was not obligated to pay the minimum wage to substitutes.

But he said that he and Superintendent John Crew felt "morally obigated" to meet wage guidelines of $3.10 an hour which went into effect Jan. 1.

Substitute teachers who have been paid $18 for a six-hour day for the past 10 years, will receive the increase as of the first pay period in March.

Baltimore city falls far behind other Maryland jurisdictions who pay up to $40 a day to substitute. Baltimore county pays $24 a day for persons with degrees and $19 without a degree. Long term substitutes receive $40 a day with degrees and $30 without a degree.

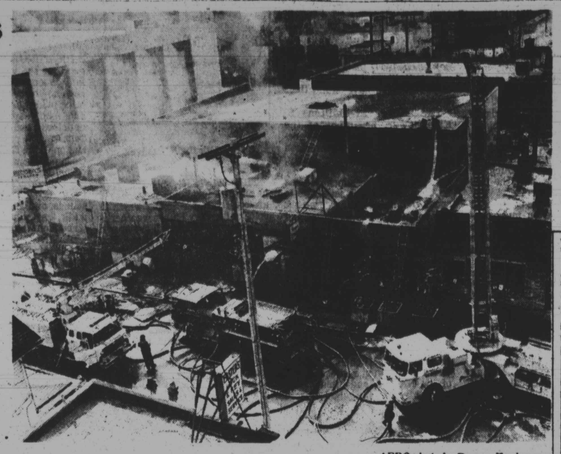
The school administration included in its 1980-81 budget a provision that would increase the pay from $18 to $35 for regular substitutes and from $22 to $30 for long term persons.

"Regardless of the outcome of the budget we will be looking at this area, said Richardson. "Salaries for substitute teachers are at a critical stage and we can't continue to pay them $18 a day."

The deputy superintendent hesitated to say whether substitutes could expect another increase before the school year ends June 23 but he did state that a committee studying the area would be making a report in the near future.

Delegate Troy Brailey was instrumental in helping city substitutes achieve the minimum wage. He stated that several weeks ago, a woman came to his office who had been a substitute teacher for seven years. She said she needed another job to make ends meet.

Brailey, moved by the woman's plight, contacted Joseph Bush, director of the city's wage commission and urged him to bring the substitute pay in line with the federal minimum wage.



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RESTAURANT BLAZE — Fire damaged Pecora's Restaurant, York Road and Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, after a blaze broke out in the basement. Natural gas helped feed the flames which spread to upper floors. Two firefighters suffered smoke inhalation but returned to the fire scene after treatment at area hospitals. The fire, reported at 2:07 a.m., Wednesday, March 12, was declared under control at 9:12 a.m.

City has $10 million budget deficit

City departments must cut back their spending by $10 million to avoid a deficit, which is prohibited by the city charter, Budget Chief George A. Piendak said.

Piendak said Wednesday that departments will have to make the spending cuts by June 30, the end of the current fiscal year.

"The charter requires that we wipe out the deficits, but I haven't been able to figure out how yet," he said.

He said deficits at this point in the fiscal year are not unusual.

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Baltimorean receives science grant

Dale D. Brown, of the 3700 block Sylvan Drive, is one of 100 young American scientists offered postdoctoral fellowships by the National Science Foundation (NSF).

The awards are for 50 NSF Postdoctoral Fellowships and 50 Nation North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) postdoctoral fellowships in science.

Ms. Brown, the only Maryland resident to be awarded a fellowship, is a graduate of Coppin State College and is currently a microbiology major at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. She will serve her fellowship at the National Institute of Health in Washington, D.C.

The awards are made to U.S. citizens who have shown talent for and interest in research and who received their doctorate degrees within the past five years. The fellowships are made on the basis of merit and applications are evaluated by panels of scientists. Final selection is made by the NSF.

Dale D. Brown

The 945 applicants in the NSF postdoctoral fellowship program came from 48 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Fellowships were awarded to residents of 19 states and provide a stipend of $1,150 per month for up to one year of full-time equivalent study or research.

Ms. Brown is the daughter of Leon and Doris Brown.

4th District Democratic club to hold banquet

Mayor Richard Arrington Jr. of Birmingham, Ala. will deliver the keynote adress at the Fourth District Democratic Organization and Political Action Supporters Black Leadership Awards banquet Sunday, March 16.

Awards will be made to well known black elected officials for political achievement during the past two years.

Categories of service to be recognized are tenure in office, federal, state and city service, and achievement in the 40th legislative district and the fourth democratic district.

The honorees include Senators Verda Welcome, Robert Douglass and Clarence Mitchell, Delegate Troy Brailey, Councilwoman Victorine Adams and Councilman Clarence "Du" Burns and Rep. Parren Mitchell.

Arrington will receive a special award during the banquet which will begin at 6 p.m. at the Blue Crest North.

He was elected mayor in November 1979 following two terms as a city council member.

Criminal justice group elects officers

Miss N'Zinga Al'Shams was recenty elected as president of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice. Miss Al'Shams, who is a teacher at the Maryland Division of Corrections believes that the Maryland chapter of National Association of Blacks In Criminal Justice will become one of the most effective change agents within the Maryland system of Criminal Justice.

Miss N'Zinga Al'Shams

The Maryland chapter's goals and objectives are to focus the needs and problems of blacks working in the criminal justice system. Other new officers are Payton Branson, vice president; Miss Angie McClain, secretary; Paul Vince, treasurer; Ralph Williams, interim parliamentarian; the Rev. Willie Blackwell, chaplain and Bob White, sergeant at arms.

Tight $ market may force credit card recall

About 50,000 credit-card holders in Maryland may become victims of the tight money market this year.

Maryland National Bank, the state's largest bank Wednesday predicted higher interest rates will force the recall of up to 50,000 credit cards this year.

A Bank spokesman also said it may be necessary to restrict borrowing by placing a $500 spending ceiling on many accounts and issuing fewer new credit cards.

State law allows banks to charge 18 percent interest on amounts in excess of $500, but only 12 percent interest on amounts below $500.

Banks pay more than 12 percent to borrow funds and lose money if credit card holders charge more than $500 worth of goods. A bill before the legislature would allow banks to charge 18 percent interest on amounts up to $700.

The spokesman said the bank also may eliminate the 30 day grace period before interest is compounded and begin charging from the date of purchase.

President Carter is expected to tighten restrictions on use of credit cards if banks do not do so voluntarily, but industry analysts expect many banks to take steps similar to those anticipated by Maryland National.

'Bong Show' brings $

More than $59,000 was raised Tuesday, March 11 when the Epilepsy Foundation Association of Maryland "Bong Show" aired on WMAR-TV, Channel 2.

The program was modeled after that national TV program, "The Gong Show."

For three hours, local talent performed, local celebrities manned the phones and, in some cases, performed on camera. Some of the celebrities even finished their acts without being "bonged."

Nationally known comedienne Phyllis Diller added to the show's appeal with her usual zany routines.

Some of the members of the community who participated in the event were Ms. Jo Ann Williams, WMAR-TV; Mary Clayburn, WWIN-Radio; Toby Marsh, WMAR-TV; Ronald R. Powell, AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper board member and also board member of the Epilepsy Foundation Association of Maryland; Fred Cook, Baltimore Colts and Howard Dorsey, Westinghouse Corporation.

The money raised will be used to continue the association's many programs and activities including, the Training and Placement Program (TAP), consumer education, community awareness and research projects.

Burglar of cop's house sentenced

TOWSON, MD — A man who broke into a police officer's home and stole a pistol, bullet proof vest and handcuffs has been sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Samuel T. Shelor Jr., 17, who has been in scrapes with the law since he was 11 years old, pleaded guilty to burglary and drug charges before Baltimore County Circuit Judge William R. Buchanan.

Buchanan imposed a concurrent term of five years in prison on Shelor for distribution of the drug LSD.

Shelor was charged in the robbery of officer William Nowakosski's home last June.

Ocean City construction slows

OCEAN CITY, MD — Construction of high-rise condominiums in Ocean City is likely to be brought to halt by inflation, a recent report concludes.

M. Ronald Lipman, a Baltimore consultant, said rising construction costs make it unlikely that any more 15-to-20-story condominiums will be built along the waterfront in the near future.

He said it is now more profitable for developers to restrict buildings to heights of about five stories because it costs more per square foot to build taller condominiums.

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General Assembly Wrapup

—300 bills so far

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But a tough battle lies ahead for the resolution which was vigorously fought last year and failed in the House three times by just one vote.

While many argue that giving Washington, D.C. full voting rights may bring about a commuter tax for Maryland residents who work in the District, others point out that the real issue is that white lawmakers do not want to see Washington, D.C., the nation's capital, represented by two black senators.

This resolution should come up for a vote in the House within the next week. Supporters of the legislation say that only three votes are needed to receive a constitutional majority of 71 votes.

Other issues receiving attention by the black lawmakers are inadequate funding of the state's predominantly black institutions especially Morgan State University. It is proposed in the 1980-81 budget that Morgan receive less than a one percent increase over last year's budget. The school is slated to get $12.1 million.

Two bills sponsored by Howard Rawlings, D-40th would provide funding for Morgan to improve and increase the dormitories which school officials say do not meet minimum living standards.

The bills requiring creation of a state debt propose $2.5 million to renovate the existing buildings on campus and $4 million to construct additional dormitories.

These bills will be heard today, March 14, Friday before the House Appropriations Committee.

Other bills introduced by the 20 black members include: House Bill 4 - State lottery odds - requiring that the odds in certain state lottery games be a certain ratio. (Conaway)

HB 6 -Unemployment insurance - eliminating certain provisions which prevent claimants for unemployment insurance benefits from qualifying for benefits when the claimant earns minimum qualifying wages. (Dean)

HB 9-Gasoline service stations - requiring gasoline stations to have available toilet facilities, an air pump, and a water outlet. (Chester)

HB 13-Franchises - regulating the keeping of business records by certain franchises. (Conaway)

HB 14-Franchise sales - regulating the sales of certain franchises by broadening the definition of franchise and requiring disclosures. (Conaway)

HB 15- Motor vehicle installment sales agreements - prohibiting a motor vehicle dealer from receiving a rebate on certain finance charges from a subsequent holder of a motor vehicle installment agreement. (Conaway)

HB 16 - Election of Lieutenant Governor - eliminating the provisions requiring the governor to designate a candidate for lieutenant governor. (Conaway)

HB 17 - Election of Governor and Lieutenant Governor - repealing the constitutional requirement that the governor and lieutenant governor run for office jointly. (Conaway)

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SBA announces new guidelines

By Miles White

The Small Business Administration announced this week that it intends to implement a new standard definition of "small business" that will determine what businesses will be eligible for loans and other SBA programs.

The proposed standard is based on the total number of employees with a given firm, rather than measuring eligibility by annual receipts, assets, or other criteria.

If enacted, the new definition will make it easier for small businesses to apply for all types of SBA programs by having an across-the-board standard defining the firm as a small business.

Under the current system a firm may be eligible for a particular SBA program under certain guidelines but would not be eligible for a different program under those same guidelines.

The SBA plans to conduct "public regional hearings" to solicit public reaction to the proposals before making any final judgements on their merits. The proposals have also been published in the Federal Register for public comment.

The proposal sets employee limits for firms operating in the various industries, with different size requirements for each. Some firms, depending on what type of industry they are in, could qualify as a small business if they have "15 or fewer workers," while others would be eligible if they have "as many as 2,500" employees.

SBA officials said the 25 - year - old agency, in "finally laying out what SBA's mission is" in the small business community, formulated the proposals on the premise that "what constitutes a small firm is different in different industries."

The nation's industries were divided into three broad categories by the agency - competitive, mixed and concentrated. In a concentrated industry, according to the proposal, more than half of that industry's sales are controlled by the four largest firms.

Firms in the "competitive" categories display a much more equal distribution of sales, with "mixed" businesses falling somewhere in between. The SBA listed 317 firms in the country as competitive, 160 as concentrated and 249 as mixed.

Court rules no support for another man's child

ANNAPOLIS — Maryland's highest court has ruled that a man who promised to support his ex-wife's child by another man cannot be jailed for failing to fulfillthat promise.

The Court of Appeals overturned the 179-day jail sentence imposed on Ronald K. Brown because te had fallen behind in payments he had agreed to make in a divorce decree.

The court said jail terms for failure to pay debts are allowed only for debta involving support of a wife or natural or adopted children. But justices said the lower court can use other means to force Brown to make the payments.

Brown had agreed to pay his former wife, Joyce $30 a week to support her daughter, Lisa, even though he was not the child's natural father. He said he agreed to make the payments because of his affection for Lisa.

Brown owed his former wife $1,729 when a Prince George's County circuit judge found him in contempt of court and sentenced him to jail.

Baltimore ministers in Richmond to confer on Va. seminary crisis

A group of prominent ministers and citizens met in Charlottesville, Va. March 12 to express concern over the situation and crisis at Virginia Seminary.

The institution founded in 1887 in Lynchburg, Va. has recently experienced a series of incidents in which the federal government siezed records and alleged that there were financial and manegement problems stemming from actions over a period of two years of the president, Dr. M.C Southerland.

Until this week, the school has been closed.

The closing came as the result of the government's intervention on Feb. 16. The case against Seminary officials has been closed against public scrutiny.

The Seminary board of trustees with Dr. Woodrow Brown of Newport News as chairman and Dr. A.C.D. Vaughn of Baltimore as vice-chairman, met at the Charlottesville session and declared that the office of president is vacant as of April 1, 1980.

The Seminary will be operated by a Transitional Team of whichthere are three Baltimoreans as members, Rev. Drs. Vaughn, Eddie R. Wilson and W.L. Clayton.

The Seminary enjoys a glorious past history since its founding in 1887 by the Virginia Baptist State Convention which met at that time in Alexandria, Va. SInce the first opening the institution has been in the business of training black leadership.

Over the years graduates have gone on to become leading missionaries ,physicians, lawyers, college professors, college presidents, teachers and leading ministers in churches across the nation.

PROMOTIONS

Dwayne R. Hopkins, son of Mrs. Minnie F. Hopkins, 1406 Criterden St., N.W., recently was promoted to Army Specialist four while serving as a helicopter mechanic with the 501st Aviation Battalion in Katterbach, Germany.

Hopkins is a 1976 graduate of Theodore Roosevelt High School.

His father, Alonzo Hopkins, lives at 5514 First St.

—Prestigious performance

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'Gingerly I clung to the beast as we started moving toward Sharp St. and the Convention Center. Crowds of kids lined the route, and they all cheered and laughed as we passed them.

I began waving my arms to the children, and smiled at the crowd. I felt like a pro, I knew I had it.

But then, an old elephant walking along beside me decided to remind me just who was the star attraction. She nudged me hard with her side, and as I started to fall, she gazed at me with an old malevolent eye.

Meekly I settled down, and kept one eye on the mean elephant the rest of the journey. Since I was ten feet off the ground, I didn't think it would be wise to argue.

We proceeded up Sharp St., then turned toward the Civic Center and the final stretch. By now I had finally gotten used to the uneven gait of the animals, but their smell was another matter. Apparently they knew something we didn't, because their gait picked up as they entered the Civic Center. They hurried through the building, and approached several large containers of water set aside for their enjoyment.

As they leaned over, the trainer approached us and told us the ride was over.

Although I've heard one should leave a woman with a smile, I hastened off my live Cadillac with a vow that, the next time we met, it would be with me in the stands and her in the ring!

Community group tries to block Provident funds

Ebonie Alexander
Afro Staff writer

The Concerned Citizens for Better Health Care (CCBHC) have made formal request to the Department of Health Education and Welfare (HEW) to withhold funds that would expand the Provident - Druid Children and Youth Clinic, until the current staff dispute can be resolved to the community's satisfaction.

Mrs. Helen Bradford, chairperson for CCBHC, says the community questions the ability of the present staff to run the expanded clinic, once the new federal funds are received.

The money in question, totaling $350,000 - would enable the clinic to provide comprehensive health care to entire families, rather than just children.

Leonard Lavender, of HEW's regional office in Philadelphia, stated, "no we are not", when questioned about HEW withholding funds.

Lavender further explained, " given the need for services in that area we (HEW) certainly don't want to delay or impede the services in the community"

With HEW refusing to block the federal money, the CCBHC will have to find other ways of having fired staff reinstated.

In the last week the organization has mounted pickets and other demonstrations protesting the dismissal of Dr. Nina Rawlings and other staff members.

—New Hughes aide

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is a graduate of Coppin State College, University of Maryland school of social work and is currently enrolled in a doctorial program at the University of Southern California, Washington Public Affairs Center.

Ms. Adams is currently the assistant director of the Mayor's Office of Human Resources. Prior to her joining the mayor, Ms. Adams was assistant regional superintendent with Juvenile Services Administration.

The mother of two sons says "I'm excited at the prospect of a new experience and new job demands and looking forward to them".

She speaks of her employment with the mayor fondly, "I kinda feel that my experiences here (Mayor's Office) are sending me to the governor pretty well prepared".

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